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1. AT SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING, POLADS HAD INITIAL DISCUSSION ON POINT RAISED IN CANADIAN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF MANEUVERS (REFTEL) REGARDING GEOGRAPHIC APPLICATION OF CBM'S. CANADIAN REP POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF MANEUVERS LISTED TOOK PLACE IN CANADIAN ARCTIC, WHICH HE SUGGEST INDICATED NEED FOR ALLIES TO CONSIDER WHETHER SOME GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS ON CBM'S WERE NEEDED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT PURELY CANADIAN MANEUVERS LISTED WERE QUITE SMALL, WHICH HE SAID RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER SOME SIZE CUT-OFF WAS NEEDED. WITH REFERENCE TO LATTER POINT, NORWEGIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT ANY SIZE CRITERIA SHOULD BE SEEN IN CONNECTION WITH AREA OF MANEUVER SINCE MANEUVER INVOLVING SMALL NUMBER OF TROOPS IN AREA SUCH AS
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NORTHERN NORWAY COULD BE SIGNIFICANT.

2. ON GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATION QUESTION, FRG, BELGIAN, UK, AND ITALIAN REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY THAT CBM'S

MIGHT BE RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIC AREA, I.E., ESTABLISH ZONE WITH SPECIAL REGIME. FRG REP SAID ONE OF REASONS WHY BONN GENERALLY FAVORED CBM'S WAS BECAUSE THEY COULD BE ENVISAGED WITHOUT SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. UK REP SUGGESTED THAT "EUROPEAN LAND MASS" MIGHT IN FINAL ANALYSIS BE ACCEPTABLE AS GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATION FOR VALIDITY OF CBM'S.

3. NOT SURPRISINGLY, TURKISH REP NOTED THAT QUESTION OF GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS ON APPLICATION OF CBM'S WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ANKARA AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE MORE TO SAY ON THIS POINT SUBSEQUENTLY.

4. COMMENT: CANADIAN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST, WITH RELATED QUESTIONS IT RAISES OF SIZE AND GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS, WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 18 POLADS AGENDA. WE ASSUME THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO RESIST EFFORTS BY ALLIES TO DEFINE WHAT CONSTITUTES "MAJOR" MANEUVER BEYOND INFORMAL GUIDELINE IN PARA 9 OF POLADS (73)14 AND TO URGE THAT ALLIES USED ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS TO GIVE GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND. WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING, SPECIFICALLY ON UK SUGGESTION IN PARA 3 ABOVE ON "EUROPEAN LAND MASS."
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